COMMENT ON THE CASE OF "HYPHESSOBRYCON CARDINALIS" MYERS & WEITZMAN, 1956 VERSUS "CHEIRODON AXELRODI" SCHULTZ, 1956 (CLASS PISCES)

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The ordinary question of date priority for one or other of these names will be decided by the International Commission on the basis of the evidence provided in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 12 : 184–190. I can add nothing further to this aspect of the problem, except the expression of a certain curiosity as to why Vol. 4, No. 4 of the *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* should carry the precise date 20th February 1956, whereas the preceding issue is merely dated January–February 1956, and the succeeding one reverts to the similar form May–June 1956. I feel that the Commission should carefully weigh all the possible implications of this phenomenon.

A factor that I would emphasize in favour of *Hyphessobrycon cardinalis* Myers & Weitzman is that this name was clearly published as a voluntary act of publication by these authors and in a journal normally serving as a vehicle of taxonomic publication. *Cheirodon axelrodi* Schultz, on the other hand, does not appear to have been deliberately published by its author.

Dr. Schultz sent a personal letter to Mr. H. R. Axelrod which the latter apparently published on his own responsibility in the *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* (4(4) : 41–43) a lay journal. The letter contains no indication that Dr. Schultz was anticipating immediate publication in that form and, in fact, his concluding paragraph may be construed as a statement that he intended further study before undertaking definitive publication. This interpretation of his intentions is further supported by Mr. Axelrod's statement in *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* (4(5) : 16) that the magazine was already printing before Dr. Schultz's corrected galley proofs were returned.

SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION BY J. M. SAVAGE AND JAMES A. OLIVER ON "AHAETULLA" LINK, 1807 (CLASS REPTILIA)

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In my opinion all of the requests embodied in this application merit approval by the Commission.